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What is Neurocritical Care?

Neurocritical care is the intensive care management of patients with life-threatening neurological and neurosurgical illnesses such as massive stroke, bleeding in or around the brain (subarachnoid hemorrhage, intracerebral hemorrhage, subdural hemorrhage, intraventricular hemorrhage), brain tumors, brain trauma, status epilepticus, nerve and muscle diseases (myasthenia gravis, Guillain-Barre Syndrome), spinal cord disorders and the cardiopulmonary complications of brain injury. Neurocritical care provides the interface between the brain and other organ systems in the setting of critical illness. Patients are taken care of within a single specialized unit. Neurocritical care units specialize in managing the unique needs of such critically ill patients.

Stories of Hope

In the practice of neurocritical care, we treat patients with truly life-altering disease states. The uncertainty of neurologic prognosis can leave both families and providers feeling doubtful and defeated. We all need reminders to keep hope and reinforce our resilience. Stories of Hope, a feature within NCS' *Currents* publication, tells the stories of patients who have fought their way to recovery and the experiences of their family and/or medical providers. By sharing these stories, we remind each other of what we are all working for and reinforce each other's resilience and hope.

Do you have a story to share? Email your idea as a brief paragraph to krehan@neurocriticalcare.org with the subject line "Stories of Hope." Requirements:

- Stories should be no longer than 3,000 words.
- A HIPAA release is required with all submissions.
- Stories are encouraged to take different perspectives into account, including nursing, family, friends and providers.
- Headshots of authors are required.
- Photographs of patients, families and the clinical team are strongly encouraged.
- Stories should relay diversity of perspective and include direct quotations.

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- Remember that the goal of these stories are to spread hope; the running theme of each story should reflect this goal.
- You will be working closely with our editorial team to come up with the finished product.

Read stories from patients and their families who have survived a traumatic brain injury.

READ STORIES OF HOPE

Neurocritical care is a multi-disciplinary field comprised of a collaborative effort by:

Neurointensivists

**Nurse Practitioners and
Physician Assistants**

**Rehabilitation
Professionals**

Neurosurgeons

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Social Workers

**Interventional/Endovascular
Physicians**

Pharmacists

Other Professionals

Nurses

Diseases Treated in a Neuro ICU

In a neuro-ICU Neurocritical care trained Physicians and Nurses care for acutely ill patients with diseases of the brain, spinal cord and nerves that often have associated medical problems complicating their care. Below is basic information on some commonly treated ailments in the neuro-ICU. Please consult your physician for more information about any of these conditions.

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (SAH)

Intracerebral Hemorrhage (ICH)

Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Ischemic Stroke

Brain Tumors

Status Epilepticus

Neuromuscular Disorders

Infections of the Brain and Spinal Cord

Spinal Cord Injury

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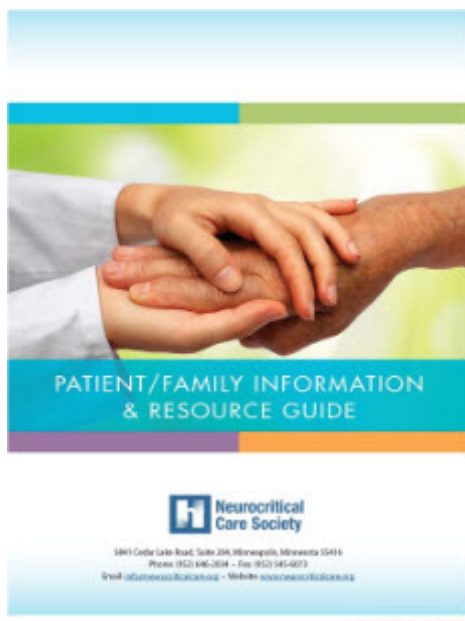
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Patient/Family Information & Resource Guide

Not only are the first hours of a patient's neurological emergency critical to the patient, it is a time of fear and anxiety for the families. The Neurocritical Care Society's Patient/ Family Information Resource Guide will provide important education on the Neurocritical care environment including:

- An overview of the Neurocritical care setting to help families adjust to this unfamiliar place
- The members of the Neurocritical care team that will be engaged with providing care to their loved one
- A description of the various diseases treated in the Neurocritical care setting to provide an introduction to the medical situation and a starting point for further research
- Links to valuable patient and family resources where they can turn for more information



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Patient and Family Brochure Translation

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Organizational Resources

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)

- ALS Association

Aneurysm

- Brain Aneurysm Foundation

Aphasia

- The National Aphasia Association

Brain Injury

- Brain Injury Association of America
- Traumatic Brain Injury Survival Guide
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Students with Traumatic Brain Injuries

Brain Tumor

- National Brain Tumor Society
- American Brain Tumor Association
- National Cancer Institute Brain Tumor

Epilepsy

- Epilepsy Foundation
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Guillain-Barré Syndrome

- GBS/CIDP Foundation International

Meningitis

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Myasthenia Gravis (MG)

- Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America

Spinal Cord Injury

- National Spinal Cord Injury Association
- Spinal Cord Injury Model System Information Network

Stroke

- National Stroke Association
- The Internet Stroke Center
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- American Stroke Association

Caregiver Support

- Family Caregiver Alliance
- Caring Bridge

General Information on Neurological Disorders

- American Academy of Neurology Website for Patients and Caregivers
- NIH National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

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- American Association of Neurological Surgeons Patient Information page

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